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Public Defender Response to Judge's Ruling Regarding Governor's Appointment

We are disappointed, but not surprised. We have long been at the bottom nationwide in public defense funding. This will not come easy, but we will continue until equal justice becomes a reality in Missouri – when the poor and marginalized get a fair shot in our criminal justice system, and when we no longer make national headlines for all the wrong reasons: denying counsel to poor children; record incarceration rates; debtors' prisons. The Missouri Public Defender's Office will continue to fight so that the Bill of Rights is guaranteed to everyone.

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